

**CLAIM SET AS AMENDED**

1. (Currently Amended) A liquid drug container comprising a container body (1) having a mouth (12) and being deformable under the pressure, a cap-shaped nozzle member (2) liquid-tightly mounted on the mouth (12) of the container body (1), and a nozzle cap (6) mounted on the nozzle member (2),

wherein said nozzle member (2) comprises a top wall (22) covering the mouth (12) of said container body (1), a skirt portion (21) extending from a peripheral portion of the top wall (22) toward a proximal end of the nozzle member (2), and a nozzle (23) extending from a central portion of said top wall (22) toward a distal end of the nozzle member (2), and

wherein said nozzle member (2) has a nozzle hole (231) ~~that passes~~ passing through the top wall (22) ~~and discharges~~ to discharge a liquid drug contained in said container body (1), and an air hole (24) passing through the top wall (22) at a position separated from said nozzle hole (231) ~~and communicating~~ to allow an interior of said container body (1) to communicate with the outside thereof,

wherein said nozzle member (2) ~~may be~~ is provided with a disk-shaped filter-mounting member (8) in said skirt portion (21),

wherein ~~the top wall of said nozzle member or~~ said disk-shaped filter-mounting member (8) ~~being~~ is provided with sets of grooves (85, 87) respectively communicated with said nozzle hole (231) and air hole (24),

wherein said ~~top wall or~~ filter-mounting member (8) is provided with a hydrophilic filter (3) and a hydrophobic filter (4) ~~by welding so that, and~~

wherein said hydrophilic filter (3) covers is arranged on and welded to one side of said filter-mounting member to cover said nozzle hole (231) and said one set of grooves (85) communicated with said nozzle hole (231), while the hydrophobic filter (4) covers is arranged on and welded to the opposite side of said filter-mounting member to cover said air hole (24) and the other set of grooves (87) communicated with said air hole (24) as well as to avoid interference from said hydrophilic filter (3).

2. (Currently Amended) The liquid drug container according to claim 1, wherein each set of grooves (85, 87) include radial grooves (85a, 87a) communicated with the nozzle-communicating hole (84) or air-communicating hole (86) and annular grooves (85b, 87b) communicated with the radial grooves (85a, 87a).

3. (Original) The liquid drug container according to claim 2, wherein said hydrophilic filter (3) and hydrophobic filter (4) are in the form of a flat membrane.

4. (Cancelled)

5. (Currently Amended) The liquid drug container according to claim 1, wherein said hydrophilic filter (3) and hydrophobic filter (4) have a bore size of not more than 0.45  $\mu\text{m}$  or below.

6. (Currently Amended) The liquid drug container according to claim 5, wherein said hydrophilic filter and hydrophobic filter have a bore size of not more than 0.22  $\mu\text{m}$  ~~or below~~.

7-8. (Cancelled)

9. (Currently Amended) The liquid drug container according to claim 7 1, wherein said ~~nozzle member (2) is provided with a~~ disc-shaped filter-mounting member (8) ~~that is~~ arranged in the skirt portion (21) and in close contact with an inner side of ~~its~~ the top wall (22) of said nozzle member (2),

wherein said disk-shaped filter-mounting member (8) is provided at a central portion thereof with a nozzle-communicating hole (84) passing therethrough and being communicated with said nozzle hole (231), and at a position spaced from said nozzle-communicating hole (84) with an air-communicating hole (86) passing therethrough and being communicated said air hole (24) through said grooves (87), ~~each being communicated with said nozzle hole (231) or air hole (24), and wherein said filter-mounting member (8) is provided on its one side with a set of grooves (85) communicated with said nozzle hole (231) through said nozzle-communicating hole (84), and on the opposite side with a set of grooves 87 communicated with said air hole (24) through said~~ air communicating hole (86), and

~~wherein said filters 3, 4 are respectively welded to either side of said filter-mounting member (8).~~

10-11. (Cancelled)

12. (Currently Amended) The liquid drug container according to ~~claim 11~~ claim 1, wherein ~~said nozzle member comprises a top wall covering the mouth of said container body, and a skirt portion extending from a peripheral portion of said top wall, and wherein said nozzle member is provided with a flow control member (41) that controls air flowing into the container body from the exterior of the container body (1) through the air hole (24), said flow control member (41) being arranged in the air-communicating hole (86) the air hole provided in said top wall of the said nozzle member.~~(cf. Page 28, lines 9-16)

13. (Currently Amended) The liquid drug container according to ~~claim 11~~ claim 12, wherein ~~said nozzle member is provided with a filter mounting member having a nozzle-communicating hole communicated with the nozzle hole and an air-communicating hole communicated with the air hole, and wherein said filter mounting member is provided with the hydrophilic filter covering said nozzle-communicating hole, and the hydrophobic filter covering said air-communicating hole, said air-communicating hole being~~ is provided with a flow control member that controls the air flowing into the container body from the exterior of the container body.

14. (Currently Amended) The liquid drug container according to claim 13, wherein said flow control member is a check valve or a diaphragm.

15. (Cancelled)

16. (New) A liquid drug container comprising a container body having a mouth and being deformable under the pressure, a cap-shaped nozzle member liquid-tightly mounted on the mouth of the container body, and a nozzle cap mounted on the nozzle member,

wherein said nozzle member comprises a top wall covering the mouth of said container body, a skirt portion extending from a peripheral portion of the top wall toward a proximal end of the nozzle member, and a nozzle extending from a central portion of said top wall toward a distal end of the nozzle member,

wherein said nozzle member has a nozzle hole passing through the top wall to discharge a liquid drug from said container body, and an air hole passing through the top wall at a position separated from said nozzle hole to allow an interior of said container body to communicate with the outside thereof,

wherein the top wall of said nozzle member is provided on one side thereof with a set of grooves communicated with said nozzle hole, and on the opposite side with a set of grooves communicated with said air hole,

wherein said top wall is provided with a hydrophilic filter and a hydrophobic filter, and

wherein said hydrophilic filter is arranged on and welded to one side of said top wall to cover said nozzle hole and one set of grooves communicated with said nozzle hole, while the hydrophobic filter is arranged on and welded to the opposite side of said top wall to cover

said air hole and the other set of grooves communicated with said air hole as well as to avoid interference from said hydrophilic filter (3).

17. (New) The liquid drug container according to claim 16, wherein each set of grooves include radial grooves (51a, 52a) communicated with the nozzle hole (231) or air hole (24), and annular grooves (51b, 52b) communicated with the radial grooves (51a, 52a).

18. (New) The liquid drug container according to claim 16, wherein said hydrophilic filter and a hydrophobic filter are in the form of a flat membrane.

19. (New) The liquid drug container according to claim 1, wherein said hydrophilic filter and hydrophobic filter have a bore size of not more than 0.45  $\mu\text{m}$ .

20. (New) The liquid drug container according to claim 16, wherein the nozzle member is provided with a flow control member that controls air flowing into the container body from the outside through the air hole, said flow control member being arranged in the air hole.

21. (New) The liquid drug container according to claim 20, wherein said flow control member is a check valve or a diaphragm.